GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Singh Shri Chandra Bhushan

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government had decided to reconstitute the administration of the Janasankhua Sthiratha Kosh which has a corpus of Rs. 100 crores ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the transfer of the National Commission on population from the Planning Commission to the Department of Family Welfare will contribute to attainment of goals of the National Population Policy, 2000 ; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government has recently approved the proposal for reconstitution of the Janasankhya Sthirata Kosh (JSK), with a view to operationalise the JSK in a more effective mode. It has been decided to choose its Executive Director from the Civil Society. As per the new set up, the Minister for Health and Family Welfare would the Chairperson of the General Body of JSK, while the Governing Board would be headed by Secretary (FW).

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The transfer of the National Commission on Population (NCP) from the Planning Commission to the Department of Family Welfare would avoid duplication of funding and interventions for similar activities. It would also ensure improved coordination of planning and implementation between health and family welfare on the one hand, and with the schemes of the related Departments on the other hand.